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"BUBI'S" REPORT ON POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING MOSCOW CONFERENCE: PETKOV, BOSWALL, BARNES, A. BUROV, BYRNES (1946)

From: SOFIA

To: MOSCOW

No.: 12 ✓ 8 January 1946

To VIKTOR[i], 8th Department.

Herewith information from "BUBI"[ii] dated 7 January 1946. In a conversation with the source on 6 January PETKOV[iii] stated that he had met BOSWALL[iv], BARNES[v] and A. BUROV[vi] and asked them about additional instructions on the decision of the MOSCOW Conference[vii]. BOSWALL and BARNES answered that they had as yet not had any additional orders. BARNES received a cipher telegram from WASHINGTON

[11 groups unrecovered]

BYRNES's[viii] statements to the press. BARNES and BOSWALL declared that the most desirable candidate at the present time [5 groups unrecovered] was BUROV.

[28 groups unrecoverable]

[325 groups unrecovered or unrecoverable][ix]

[59 groups unrecovered]

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- Footnotes: [i] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.
- [ii] ✓ BUBI: Unidentified covername. Also occurs in SOFIA's No. 36 of 24 October 1945 (unpublished).
- [iii] ✓ PETKOV: Dr Nikola D PETKOV, leader of the Left-Wing Independent Agrarians, an opposition group in BULGARIA.
- [iv] ✓ BOSWALL: William Evelyn HOUSTOUN-BOSWALL, British Political Representative in BULGARIA.
- [v] ✓ BARNES: Maynard Bertram BARNES, United States Political Representative in BULGARIA.
- [vi] ✓ A. BUROV: Atanas BUROV, a leader of the conservative "democratic opposition" in BULGARIA.
- [vii] ✓ The MOSCOW Conference of Foreign Ministers (British, U.S. and Soviet) in December 1945 advised the inclusion in the Bulgarian Government of two representatives of the opposition.
- [viii] ✓ BYRNES: James Francis BYRNES, U.S. Secretary of State.
- [ix] This portion of the message is very corrupt with whole passages missing.
- [x] ✓ PEDOR: Unidentified covername. SOFIA addressee and signatory between 11 October 1945 and 26 April 1947 (both unpublished), also mentioned in SOFIA's No. 28 of 12 December 1945 (3/NBF/T2050).

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